(d) if so, the obstacles that are preventing its implementation; and

(e) when these obstacles will be overcome and relief given to the peo. ple of the desert area?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES AND THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) and b) studies carried out by the Central Ground Water Beard have proved the existence of groundwater resource potential in Lathi formation in Jaisalmer District.

(c) to (e) 154 water supply tubewells have already been constructed in Jaisalmer District 49 more tubewells are planned to be constructed for drinking water supply during 1987-88.

New Branches Sanctioned for "Citi Bank"

3376. SHRI SATYA PAL MALIK : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state what is the number of new branches of "Citi Bank" sanctioned during the tenure of Shri V. P. Singh as Finance Minister?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): Reserve Bank of India has reported that no licence has been given to the Citi Bank NA to open any addi- tional branch in India since 1968.

World Bank Report on Indian Economy

3377. SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state-.

(a) whether Government have an alysed the assessment of Indian economy by the World Bank and its suggestions for improvement in the economy;

(b) if so, what are the details of the said analysis; and

(c) what are the details of the follow-up actions initiated to improve the economy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI B. K. GADHVI): (a) to (c) A report analysing the performance of the economy of the country is prepared every year by the World Bank prior to the annual Aid India Consortium meeting. The views and suggestions expressed in these reports are those of the World Bank. Since the reports are internal documents of the Bank and their distribution is restricted, their contents cannot be released by the recipients. The economic situation of the country is kept under constant review by the Government in accordance with its own priorities and policies, and the Government is not guided by the views of the Bank in this regard.

Discrimination against women policy holders of LIC

3378. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH; SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received representations against the Life Insurance Corporation for discriminating between man and woman policy holders regarding its policies unde table 88 of insurance premium manual;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Life Insurance Corporation Zonal Office at Kanpur has failed to remove such discrimination and settle the claims; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof and what further action is being taken to remove such discrimi- natory treatment to the policy holders?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI); (a) No, Sir.